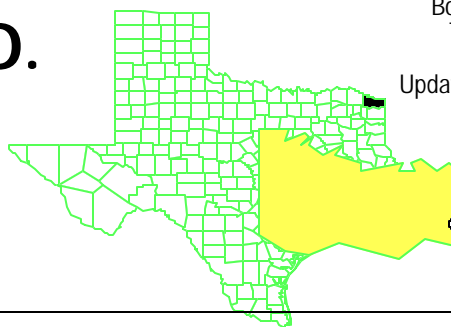


# TEXARKANA WOODS PRESERVING CO. TEXAS

EPA ID# TXD008056152

**EPA REGION 6**  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 01  
Bowie County  
Texarkana

Updated: 11/30/99



## Site Description

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**Location:** Lubbock Street, Texarkana, Texas near the Texas - Arkansas border

**Population:** ! Approximately 200 people live within one-third of a mile of the site.

**Setting:** ! Nearest residence is 500 feet west of the site.

! Most area drinking water comes from Wright Patman Lake (formerly Lake Texarkana), which is not impacted by the site.

! Former wood preserving operations

! Abandoned equipment, tanks, and buildings

! On-site retention ponds and evaporation ponds

**Hydrology:** ! Depth to first water zone - 12 feet.

! Sandy soils in the area.

! Ground water is not used in vicinity of sites.

! Confining zone at 110 feet.

## Wastes and Volumes

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! The principal pollutants at the site include polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), pentachlorophenol (PCP) and dioxins.

! Waste volumes at the site are estimated to be 88,920 cubic yards of soil and sludge contaminated with PAHs, PCP, and dioxin, 460,000 gallons of dense non-aqueous phase liquid (DNAPL), and 49,000,000 gallons of contaminated ground water.

## Site Assessment and Ranking

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### NPL LISTING HISTORY

Site HRS Score: 40.19

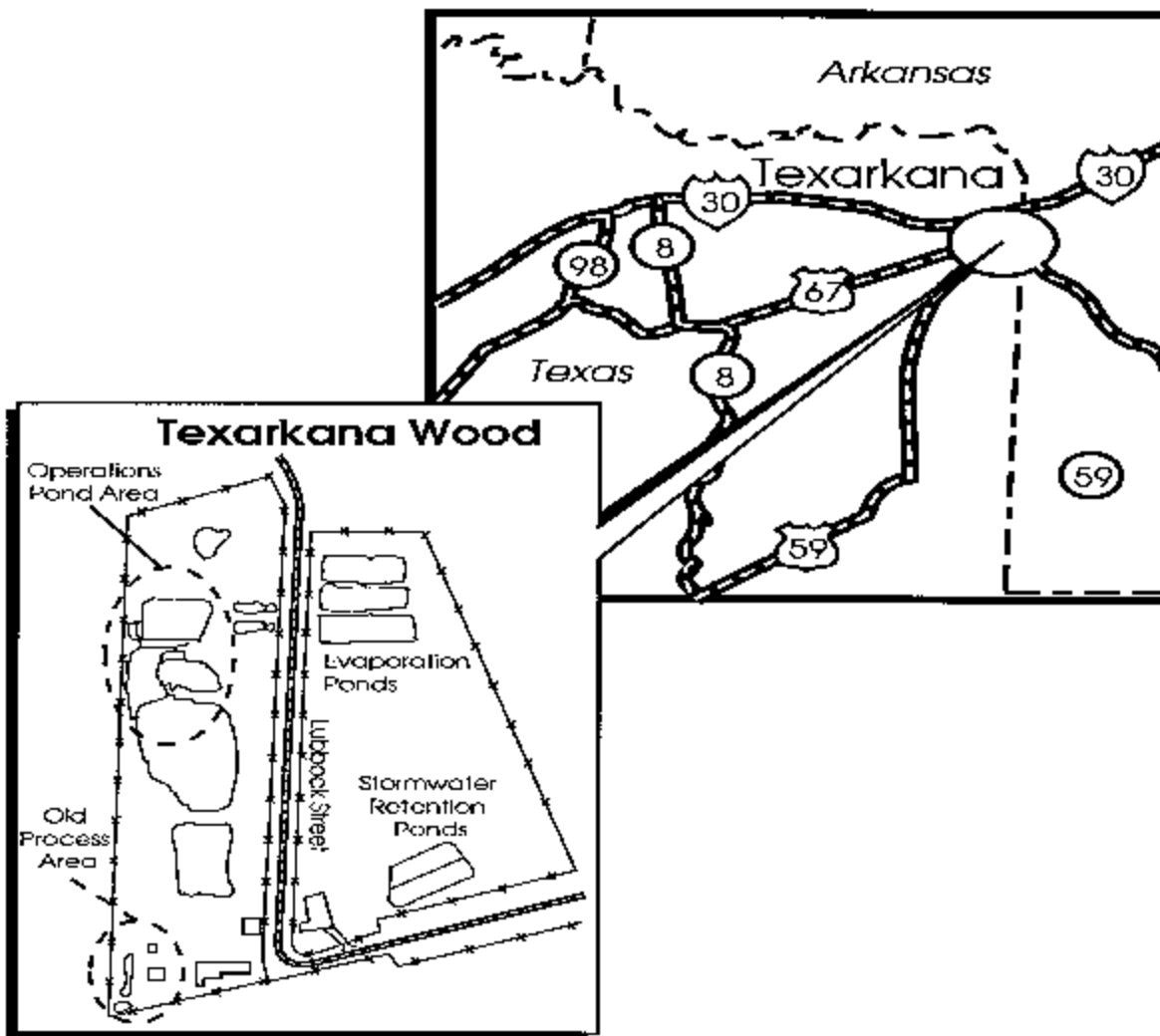
Proposed Date: 3/29/85

Final Date: 6/10/86

NPL Update: No. 3

## Site Map and Diagram

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## The Remediation Process

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### Site History:

- ! Abandoned wood treating facility operated from 1909 to 1984 under various owners.
- ! Prior removal actions have controlled site runoff and restricted public access
- ! During the period from December 1986 to October 1990, the EPA conducted five (5) removal actions to address contamination and potential off-site releases from site.
- ! The site was cleared of vegetation in February 1991.
- ! On July 8, 1994, the Regional Administrator asked the State environmental agency to let bids received from incineration contractors to expire without an award to allow the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) and General Accounting Office (GAO) to complete a study of

incineration and alternatives for the site. Incineration of contaminated soils at this abandoned creosote site had been selected by the EPA under the Superfund law in 1990. Community outreach efforts and unusually strict operating requirements did not quell objections by some local residents prompting requests from Congress for OTA and GAO studies. As a result, the EPA withdrew the selected remedy.

! During October 1996, the EPA collected contaminated soil samples from the site for soil stabilization and bioremediation bench scale laboratory testing. The EPA used the results of these tests to determine the suitability of several alternative remedies.

! TNRCC awarded a contract in 1997 to improve fencing around the site and to decontaminate and remove existing process equipment and structures. This work was completed in 1997.

#### **Health Considerations:**

! Nearest drinking water well is 2,400 feet east of the site.

! Creosote contaminated soils, sludge, present a human health hazard

#### **Other Environmental Risks:**

! Contamination of ground and surface water; drainage is to the southeast to Day's Creek

## **Record of Decision**

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Signed: September 25, 1990  
(Source and Shallow Ground Water)

Record of Decision Amendment  
Signed: March 13, 1998  
(Revised Source/Soils Remedy)

#### **Ground Water:**

! Extracting, treating, and injecting the ground water into the shallow aquifer.

#### **Soil Treatment:**

! Excavation of contaminated soils, on-site thermal destruction, and burial on site (Soil remedy amended in February 1998)

### **Other Remedies Considered      Reason Not Chosen**

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|----------------------|---|
| 1. Capping           | No reduction in volume or toxicity of contaminants. |
| 2. Chemical Treating | Only partially effective                            |

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|--------------------------------|---|
| 3. Solidification              | Not permanent.                                      |
| 4. Biological Treatment        | Only partially effective.                           |
| 5. Offsite Thermal Destruction | Too costly; transportation risks.                   |
| 6. "No Action"                 | Not protective of human health and the environment. |

## **RECORD OF DECISION AMENDMENT**

The soil remedy was amended to replace excavation of contaminated soils and on-site thermal destruction of contaminated soils with containing contaminated soils beneath a soil cap on-site.

## **Community Involvement** ---

- ! Community Involvement Plan: Developed 12/87, revised 5/91
- ! Open houses and workshops: 1/88, 6/89, 6/92, 9/92, 1/93, 5/96
- ! Proposed Plan Fact Sheet and Public Meeting: 7/14/90 (Source), 1/93 (Ground Water)
- ! ROD Fact Sheet: 10/90 (Source); 2/93 (Ground water)
- ! Milestone Fact Sheets: 5/88, 11/90, 2/91, 2/93, 6/99 (TNRCC Site Update Newsletter)
- ! Citizens on site mailing list: 1400+ includes Texas and Arkansas residents.
- ! Constituency Interest:
  - Site cleared of vegetation in February 1991 in response to local fire officials concerned about potential air releases from grass fires on the site.
  - Opposition to incineration remedy by community became very vocal in 1992.
  - Arkansas Attorney General filed suit in December 1992 opposing remedy implementation; the suit was dismissed.
  - Congressman Chapman requested that incineration not be implemented until after the OTA and GAO complete their study of incineration safety and the alternatives available for remediating the Site.
  - Incineration placed on hold pending review by Office of Technology Assessment.
  - Incineration replaced with on-site capping remedy in Amended ROD on March 13, 1998.
  - General Accounting Office visited the community twice to interview citizens and assess impact of site issues. The EPA studied alternative remedies for suitability.
  - Community has formed a Community Advisory Group (CAG)

! Site Repository:      Texarkana Public Library, Texarkana, TX

## **Technical Assistance Grant** ---

- ! Availability Notice: 1/11/89
- ! Letters of Intent Received:
  - 1. Citizens Against Pollution (CAP) - 10/19/92
- ! Final Application Received: None

- ! Grant Award: N/A
- ! Current Status: Working with citizen groups to develop interest in an application.

## Contacts

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- ! **Prime Contractor:** Roy F. Weston (A&E)

## Enforcement

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- ! **PRPs Identified:** 14
- ! **Viable PRPs:** None
- ! Cost recovery to occur, if feasible

## Present Status and Issues

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- ! On November 13, 1997, the EPA presented to the community the draft of an Amendment to the Record of Decision proposing that the site be capped and that the ground water remedy be studied further. The 30-day comment period of this Record of Decision closed December 5, 1997. This ROD Amendment was signed on March 13, 1998.
- ! The State collected additional data on the extent of soil and water contamination and issued a detailed report in March 1999.
- ! Refinement of remedy evaluation currently underway. The focus of the remedy evaluation is the 460,000 gallons of DNAPL defined during 1998 sampling efforts. A field pilot study is scheduled to start in January 2000 and will evaluate the effectiveness of trenches in the removal of DNAPL.

## Benefits

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- ! More than 88,920 cubic yards of contaminated soil and sludge will be capped to prevent direct exposure.